(c) if so, whether his Ministry has amended the Drug Policy; and

(d) if so, when and what are the details of amendments?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHIR J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The details are given in the reply to Starred Question No. 77 for 27th February, 1989.

Price Control on Bulk Drugs

607. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has recommended for further liberalisation of price control of drugs and medicines;

(b) if so, what is the total number of bulk drugs recommended for price decontrol by the committee in their supplementary report;

(c) what was the number of Bulk drugs under price control under DPCO, 1979 and what was the number in December, 1988;

(d) whether Kelkar Committee recommended for price control of any of price decontrolled drugs as per DPCO, 1987; and

(e) if so, the names of those drugs and how many have been included so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (b), (d) and (e) The details of major recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee in their Supplementary Report are given in the reply to Starrted Question No. 77 for 27th February, 1989.

(c) While under DPCO, 1979, the number of bulk drugs under Price Control was more than 350, it was 161 drugs under DPCO, 1987, in December, 1988. Out of this all vitamins as bulk drugs, except vitamin A and C, are exempt from price control as required under paragraph 3 of DPCO, 1987. Recently, 15 drugs have been exempted from price control under DPCO, 1987.

Encouragement to Indigenous Technology

608. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee made recommendations in regard to encouragement of indigenous technology in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee recommended for incentive on such drugs;

(c) what were the number of drugs recommended for exemption from price control on the basis of development of indigenous technology;

(d) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee recommended for exemption of certain more drugs in the supplementary report on the same basis; and

(e) if so, what are the names of the drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The details are given in the reply to Starred Question No. 77 for 27th February, 1989.

Criteria for bringing Price Control Drugs to Price decontrolled category

609. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Economic Times* on the 16th January, 1989 caption 'Kelkar panel for lifting price control on 13 drugs';

(b) if so, what were the criteria on which each of these drugs were recommended for price control in the original report;

(c) what are the basis on which these drugs were recommended for price decontrol in the supplementary report;